

1 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Well, we say that the
2 legislature shall not pass special laws where general laws
3 exist. This section was put in in 1851 as a companion
4 piece to comparable language in the 1851 constitution.
5 I do think that they balance each other and should be read
6 together.

7 If you didn't have the allowance of special
8 laws, I don't think it would be necessary to keep
9 the first two sentences in.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

11 DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, let's see
12 if we can't spread this around a bit.

13 Section 25, Article 77 of the Code, in
14 respect to the approval of schools, has this statement:

15 "Provided that nothing in this section shall
16 be construed as having application to any school or
17 college that is now operating under a charter granted
18 by the legislature of Maryland".

19 Now, there have been attempts in the past few
20 years to revive charters that were given by the legislature
21 to begin the operation of schools. I wonder if